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IN THE CLAIMS

Please **amend** claims 1 and 2; **cancel** claims 3-14; and **add** claims 15-21 as shown in the Status of the Claims section, *infra*.

Additions are underlined and deletions are struckthrough or enclosed between double brackets. No new matter has been added.

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended). A digital camera, comprising:

an optical system;

image processing means for processing an image of an object input through said optical system;

a memory storing photograph data resulting from said image processing;

a housing box accommodating said optical system, said image processing means and said memory;

detecting means for detecting disassembly of said housing box; and

control means for performing a prescribed processing in response to a result of detection by said detecting means;

means for transmitting the photograph data stored in said memory to a prescribed photograph data storage device through a network; wherein

said prescribed processing includes transmission of a prescribed signal to said prescribed photograph data storage device to give an alarm when said photographed image is viewed.

Claim 2 (original). The digital camera according to claim 1, wherein

said prescribed processing further includes ~~[[is]]~~-erasure of recorded contents of said memory.

Claims 3-14 (canceled).

Claim 15 (new) The digital camera according to claim 1, wherein a photographed image stored in the photograph data storage device can be viewed by accessing the photograph data storage device over the network by using access data that is unique to each digital camera

Claim 16 (new). The digital camera according to claim 1, wherein the network is the Internet.

Claim 17 (new). The digital camera according to claim 1, wherein the camera is disposable.

Claim 18 (new). The digital camera according to claim 1, wherein the camera or parts thereof is reusable.

Claim 19 (new). The digital camera according to claim 1, wherein the detecting means comprises a phototransistor that can sense whether the camera has been disassembled based on incident light.

Claim 20 (new). The digital camera according to claim 1, wherein the prescribed signal comprises a flag that prompts a message that the camera was disassembled without authorization.

Claim 21 (new). The digital camera according to claim 1, wherein the prescribed signal comprises a flag that prompts a message that allows an unauthorized user to access the photograph data upon making a payment.